



# D U R H A M

## Open Space & Trails Commission

A G E N D A

February 15, 2017 • 7:00 p.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor committee room  
101 City Hall Plaza

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes**
- III. **Adjustments to the Agenda**
- IV. **Presentations**
  1. Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association – Chris Drepps
- V. **New Business**
  1. City Budget Priorities Voting Update
  2. Coffee with Council Meetings
  3. Reappointment of Deborah Hawkins
- VII. **Old Business**
  1. Matching Grants Update
  2. Matching Grants 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  3. Feedback on Mass Grading
- VI. **Updates**
  1. Updates from Staff
  2. Updates from Liaisons
  3. Updates from Committees
- VIII. **Adjournment**

### DOST Priorities

- Secure funding to build out the Alta trails
- Continue to advocate for increased funding for trails, including advocating for an open space and trails bond
- Support the Duke Beltline Master Plan process
- Strengthen Matching Grants program by advocating for increased funding
- Strengthen DOST's involvement in the development review process
- Update the Greenways & Trails Master Plan, include a strong public input process
- Ensure there are trail connections around the planned light rail stations
- Finish the Urban Open Space Plan
- Work on incorporating natural surface trails into the trail network, including the trail to Person County and potentially a trail following the Indian Trading Path

## DOST Committees

Committee	Chair
Development Review	Annette Montgomery
Beltline	John Goebel
Finance	Tom Stark
Matching Grants	Annette Montgomery
Open Space	Reynolds Smith
Trails	John Goebel

Mo	ALL / DOST	Finance	Matching Grants	Education	Open Space	Trails
JAN	Annual Goal setting	DOST sends priorities and funding proposal and concerns to city and county leaders, cc depts.	DOST reports our “winners” to Board of County Commissioners	Prep for Earth Day Opportunities	Hike OS prospective acquisitions	Hike prospective new Trail sites
FEB	Staff / Chair: Draft Annual Report Cmmtes: Ratify annual goals from Retreat.	Get coffee with council and county commissioner schedules and ensure DOST representation	<a href="#">Write up an article for the DOST website</a>	Share planned Earth Day activities, sign ups, newsletters, etc	Hike OS prospective acquisitions	Hike prospective new Trail sites
MAR	Chair / Cmmtes: Edit Annual Report.	Engage the community to support DOST priorities at meetings with officials		Arbor Day	Hike OS prospective acquisitions	Hike prospective new Trail sites
APR	DOST: Finalize Annual Report.	Continue to lead DOST’s push for priorities		Earth Day Activities.		
MAY	DOST: Present Annual Report	Continue to lead DOST’s push for priorities		<a href="#">Write up an article for the DOST website</a>		Community Outreach for Adopt a Trail
JUN	Summer Retreat: Nominating Committee / Officers, checkpoint on Goals	City / County Budget goes to Council for approval.		Share Plans Festival for the Eno sign ups, newsletters, etc		Host Event for National Trails Day (1st Sat)
JUL	Chair: Request Semi-Annual update to DOST From Parks/Rec.	New city budget approved and new financial year begins.	Update the criteria and agree on strategy for the cycle. Press release for applicants.	Festival for the Eno	Check for any coming updates to open space plans // provide input	Check for any coming updates to trails plans // provide input
AUG	Cmmtes: Consider specific areas for which you need depts. to include in their proposed budgets for the next fiscal year.	Finance gives refresh of current funding situation and open / unfunded items to DOST.	<a href="#">Write up an article for the DOST website.</a>	Prep for Centerfest sign ups, newsletters, etc	Set acquisition priorities for the next fiscal year	Set trail priorities for the next fiscal year
SEP	Communicate priorities and budget needs to the following depts.: Parks (new trails), County (open space). General Services (maintenance), Public works (storm water issues on trails), Transportation	Finance kicks off budget season with DOST, Leads DOST discussion on budget strategy around major needs, Bonds, etc. Requests input from Cmmtes on Budget needs for next fiscal year.	Applications due.	Center fest 20-21	Communicate priorities to appropriate departments (see column B)	Communicate priorities to appropriate departments (see column B)
OCT	DOST: Cmmtes report on key budget actions needed.	Present annual budget summary/proposal to DOST.	Committee members review each individually then meet to discuss, and instruct staff regarding those with questions/issues that must be addressed by applicants.	<a href="#">Write up an article for the DOST website</a>	Follow up with depts. Regarding priorities and the budgets they plan to submit. Share results with Finance team	Follow up with depts. Regarding priorities and the budgets they plan to submit. Share results with Finance team.
NOV	Cmmtes: Work in concert with Finance team to interlock with departments on budget priorities.	Invite the Depts. Present their budget proposals to DOST, work to resolve any gaps with DOST priorities.	Second meeting; re-review those who responded to questions/issues.			Prepare for State Parks Adopt a Trail Grants due in Jan
DEC	DOST: Cmmtes share their results of their Annual Goals.	Coordinate DOST’s communication of budget needs to city and county	Select “winners” and take recommendations to DOST		Hike OS prospective acquisitions	Present to DOST on Trails Grants